

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 38 and 47 were objected to under 35 CFR 1.75 as being substantial duplicates of claims 33 and 31 respectively. Inasmuch as claims 31 and 33 have now been canceled, Applicant respectfully submits that this objection is moot and should be removed.

In the Office Action, claims 23, 25, 45, 46, 49, and 52-54 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this paper, the limitations of claim 23 have been incorporated into claim 4. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 4 and those claims dependent therefrom are now in condition for allowance. Claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 58.

By this paper, the limitations of claims 45 and 40 have been incorporated into independent claim 37. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 37 and those claims depending therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

By this paper, the limitation of claim 49 has been incorporated into independent claim 47. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 47 and those claims dependent therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable consideration by the Examiner is requested. Should the Examiner find any impediment to the allowance of the claims which can be corrected by telephone interview with the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to initiate such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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